

Basic Detail Report

Title Breeches

Date about 1820-1835

Primary Maker Reverend Thomas Robbins

Medium Hand-stitched silk and cotton, with self-covered bone buttons, dyed

bone buttons, wool plush, wool tape, and linen tape

Description Man's breeches of black twill-woven silk. The waist is very high, in

keeping with the fashion for men's pantaloons (which were much more

fashionable than breeches by this time). The fall is 9 1/2 inches across the center

front. It fastens with self-covered buttons at the corners and in the center (the

center buttonhole is covered by a new lining). Pockets on each side are covered

by L-shaped flaps, buttoning at the corners. Underneath the fall, the front and

waistband of the breeches fasten with three small (1/2-inch) buttons and three

larger (5/8-inch) buttons. A watch pocket is set into the waistband on the right

side. The front of the breeches are smooth, and the back is also set smoothly

into the waistband. However, they are cut very wide in the back and have a

gusset set into the back seam, and linen lacings through the eyelets adjust the fit

at the waistband and six inches into the seat area. Dyed bone buttons stitched

around the waistband attached to suspenders. The legs are open along the side

seams for about five inches and fasten with four small, self-covered buttons. The

kneeband is narrow; its button is missing on both sides. It has been extended

with wool tape. Wool plush is sewn in a strip along the linen lining of the

kneeband. The waistband lining and pocket bags are made of plain-woven linen.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length along side x width across waist): 15 1/2

x 31 1/4in. (39.4 x 79.4cm)